

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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GUIDELINES FOR CREATING WILDLIFE HABITATS

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has prepared any guidelines for creating critical wildlife habitats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has also prepared any scheme for relocation of all villages from protected areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the protected areas will be brought within the ambit of the Forest Rights Act ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) & (b) Guidelines have been issued to State Governments on 25th October, 2007 for identification of critical wildlife habitats.
- (c) & (d) Under the centrally sponsored schemes of 'Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries' and 'Project Tiger', there is a provision for providing financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territories for relocation of villages from inside protected areas.
- (e) The Protected Areas are within the ambit of the Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.